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FM Broadcasts For Area

In tune with the times, this area will be serviced with FM broadcasting within two months' time, according to recent reports.

So far, Berkshire County residents with FM receivers (there being about 2500, it is estimated) have been able to pick up only FM stations at Troy and Schenectady, N. Y., Holyoke and Paxton, Mass. These have been audible only over FM equipped sets. Now, station WBEC, Pittsfield has announced the purchase of an FM transmitter with a radius of about 25 miles. And Leon Podolsky, heading station WBRK of Pittsfield, also plans an FM station and may establish a tower for such broadcasts on Mt. Greylock.

Nurses Aides Play Important Role In Life of Community - Red Cross Trained

This community is familiar with the work of the Red Cross in times of national crises. And during floods, hurricanes and tornadoes, fires and epidemics, it is the Red Cross which rushes to the scene of disaster to take care of the victims. Such aid is given constantly.

A service less generally known is the type of work the Red Cross does locally, in training Nurses Aides at the North Adams hospital. Since classes were first organized in 1942, many local women have volunteered their services and time in learning to care for the sick. In doing so, they have given help and comfort to many who were ill, and in turn have learned

the proper techniques and bedside care of the sick. To date there have been 14 courses offered in this community.

Red Cross Trains Nurses Aides

In the North Adams community, Nurses Aides receive a comprehensive training. Mrs. Hazel McSheen, R.N., in charge of the training says: "I tell the girls I have but six weeks to make real nurses of them."—and in that short period she does a remarkable job, while the girls receive a training much above the average, with the development of real nursing skills.

North Adams Aides Noted for Amount of Service Donated

The Nurses Aides in this community are noted throughout the section as giving more hours of service than in any other community comparable in size! This is not an over statement. The work which they perform has been vital to the life of the North Adams hospital. During February alone, 36 volunteer Aides donated 884 hours of service to our local hospital. Miss Doris Exford of Williamstown topped the list with 146 hours. Translated in work hours, employees average an 8 hour work day for five days a week—or a 40 hour work week. In Miss Ex-

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MACHINE SHOP GRADUATES TWO MEMBERS



John Murray, Jr. and Edmond Hinkell, Jr. receive their diplomas as full fledged Machinists from foreman "Tuffy" Rondeau, while Nick Richardello takes a bow from the side lines.

Twenty-one members of the Machine Shop gathered at the Corner Cafe on Monday, March first, to honor two co-workers who were graduated from apprenticeship courses to become full fledged machinists. The graduates are John Murray Jr. and Edmond Hinkell, Jr.

The program, following an excellent dinner, consisted of good natured bantering, good speeches and praise for the work of the Department and of the graduates. Ernest L. Ward, Vice President in charge of manufacturing, was the first speaker who dwelt on the progress the Machine Shop has made in the life of the Sprague Electric Company and spoke warm words of praise for T. Rondeau and A. Lindquist for their leadership in the Shop.

Next, Jack Washburn spoke about the seriousness of the apprenticeship course, saying that with the presentation of the certificates to the men, their first milestone was passed—and that the Sprague Management was sincerely behind these graduates.

Norman Schulze gave a short talk, expressing his appreciation at being with the boys on this occasion. He made the presentation of gifts on behalf of the Company to the boys. Edmond Hinkell received an assortment of shop tools, while John Murray received a

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Seeing North Adams From New Angle



Norman Schulze risks breaking his bones in order to get a good shot of North Adams.

—Photos, this page, Al Horsfall

Photography is the main hobby of Norman Schulze and of Log staff photographer Al Horsfall. Norman travels between his Boston residence and his North Adams work at Sprague's weekly; while Al travels from here to Athol quite frequently in quest of photographic material. . . . But what lengths these fellows will go to, to get

a good snap shot! In the above picture, the boys chose Veazie section as a good location to get pictures of the North Adams vicinity. Watch for that picture in the next Log. Norman is also a radio enthusiast, but Al steers clear of that hobby, confining himself to cabinet woodworking and photography.

Science Highlights

Experiments are being conducted looking toward development of an electronic awakener for sleepy drivers. The goal is pocket-borne apparatus that could be connected with the body of an auto or truck driver, airplane pilot, railroad engineer, or a night watchman, to give warning when he approached the danger point of dozing.

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A device so sensitive it can weigh a

fingerprint is one of the key research tools being used by scientists of an electrical manufacturing company in metal tests aimed at improving jet engines.

An electronic chemist, developed for industrial and research assignments, is so sensitive it can detect traces of one gas so minute that they represent only one part of 100,000 parts of another gas.

Department Boasts Two Mother - Daughter Teams



At left: Mothers Ida Gaun and Margaret Adameyk; at right are their daughters Alyce French and Eleanor Underwood.

The mother-daughter theme in industry is not a new one, but when two such mother-daughter teams work in one department — that's news!

Encounters Cousin

When Margaret Adameyk came to work at Sprague's eight weeks ago, she walked into the Miscellaneous Paper Assembly Department and encountered a woman who looked familiar. Imagine her surprise when she realized that the familiar face was that of her cousin, Ida Gaun, whom she hadn't seen for some time. Mrs. Adameyk had been living in Connecticut until quite recently, and had not kept closely in touch with her relative.

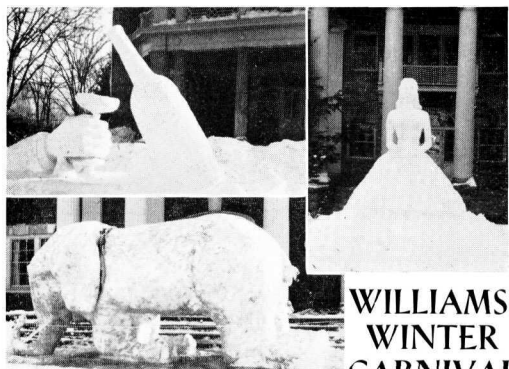
When Margaret found out that Ida's daughter, Eleanor Underwood also worked in Miscellaneous Paper Assembly, she most assuredly told her daughter, Alyce French about it on arriving home, (this is really a good story!) and the sequel of it is, that now, all four of them are busily engaged in the same Department!

Best Wishes

Mrs. Gaun, who resides in Clarksburg, has been with Sprague Electric for the past six years. Her daughter, Eleanor Underwood also worked here back in 1942, until she left because of illness. Mrs. Adameyk and daughter, Alyce French, live in Readsboro and both are newcomers to Sprague's. Our best wishes to these teams.

Management Club Meets

Concluding a series of talks on the Dry Electrolytic Capacitors, lead by Dr. John Burnham, a "Question and Answer" period was inaugurated at the March 3rd meeting of the Sprague Electric Management Club. It is so designed that members of the Club may ask other members questions on problems confronting them. This also affords an opportunity for Club members to benefit from the knowledge and experience of other members. Following this period, Mr. Charles Martin, Comptroller, explained to those present, the purpose and use of the Budget Sheet, and answered questions on matters pertaining to his talk.



WILLIAMS WINTER CARNIVAL

The flowing bowl or pink elephants, and lovely ladies were the inspiration for many of the snow "sculps" of Williams students for their annual Winter Carnival.

—Photos, K. Russell

NURSES AIDES - Red Cross Trained

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ford's case, she donated considerably over three full work weeks during the past month. And many of our Sprague employees, while carrying a full week's schedule of work at the Plants, have been able to donate extra hours to the hospital. During February, Sprague employees who worked full time at the Plants and gave volunteer service to the hospital were Mildred Embry, Gertrude Hall, Ann Blasi and Edith Maynard. Mildred Embry of the Misc. Paper Assembly Department was able to donate 50 full hours of service to the hospital (well over a regular work week), during February. This is but one example of service; for many of our Sprague women have responded to the call for Red Cross trained Nurses Aides since organized in April, 1942.

The work which Nurses Aides are doing for communities like North Adams is just one of the many Red Cross services made possible by funds received during the annual Red Cross Drive.

Plant Drive March 10-21

While not all of us can be Nurses Aides, nor respond to emergency calls in any part of the country during times of disaster, we can help by our donations to the Red Cross so that it may carry on such work. The Plant Drive,

which started March 10 and is part of the local Drive, is organized with solicitors from each Department. Those assisting on behalf of the Sprague Company are:

Solicitors for Beaver and Brown:

Betty Bogus, Mary Anderson, Mary Critella, Connie Urbano, Marion Conroy, Ruth Jackson, Florence Harris, John Walsh, Doris Charon, Millie Letalien, Ed Hinkell, Maud Waska and Harry Trombley. For Brown Street Plant: Phyllis Trombley, Helen Foote, Della Keating, Florence Clement, Gladys Kirkpatrick, Annie Mangano, Almad Dupont, Alton Peck, Rita Mulqueen, Lorraine Richards, John Burdick, Aldor Cardinal, Barbara Crandall, Roma King, Thelma Sherman, and Sadie Champagne.

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Mr. Art Mathews, Plant Safety Engineer, is Chairman for the Industrial Division... Help your solicitor to make the quota required!

AS PROFESSOR EINSTEIN SEES IT

Professor Albert Einstein, born March 14, 1879 gave what he considered the best formula for success in life. "If A is success in life, I should say the formula is A equals X plus Y

plus Z, X being work and Y being play."

"And what is Z?" inquired his interviewer.

"That," he answered, "is keeping your mouth shut."

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SPORTS

GIRLS WIN FIRST GAME N. E. TOURNAMENT

Lose Second Game to Dalton Girls 31-32. Play Last Game March 10 With Amherst Girls at Amherst.

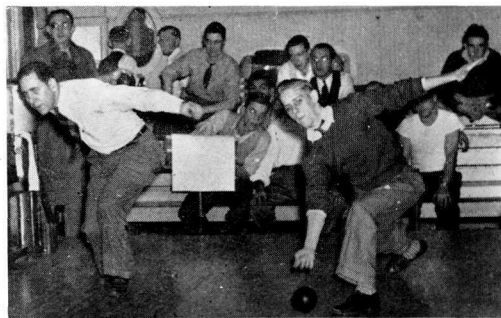
Praised for Sportsmanship in Game Lost to Pittsfield Professionals

Exceptionally fine brand of basketball was displayed on the part of the Sprague lassies in their game with the Pittsfield Professional Drug team. Fighting an uphill battle, they were edged out in the final minute of play. The Sprague girls, although credited

with defeat, won the support of the entire crowd by their outstanding performance.

Much credit should be given this team and more followers should be come interested. It is a team which the entire organization can be proud of—a lot of fight, a lot of pep—and a lot of form!

—Bill Stackpole



Lou Siciliano and Del Darling might be practising for a tight rope act!

SPORTS CHATTER

Semi-Finals for Men's Inter-Plant Basketball Championship Office Defeats Lab -- PAA Defeats Sample

The two winning teams will play for the Plant Championship March 17 at the Y.

The Girls' Bowling League features a very versatile team—the Beaverettes. Also this team is the nucleus of the Sprague Girls' Basketball team which has done so well this season. The local lassies have met some formidable opposition—the Professional Drugs of Pittsfield feature an outstanding girl athlete in Miss Kirby who recently netted some 50 odd points in the Haydenville tournament....

Last round of Men's Bowling League has begun, and winds up April 22nd. The Luchroom is now on top and looks mighty good for the crown... Until the night of March 4th, Joe Lipa, the five anchor man of the Luchroom had rolled all matches and has a top average of 103.5....

The annual Williams College Winter Carnival had ideal weather. The snow creations by various fraternity houses brought to light some excellent talent.... The week end events closed their winter season....

All-time Eleven of "Little Three" sponsored by the Boston Post. "The Little Three" are Williams, Wesleyan and Amherst Colleges. Here they are: Ends: Bud Hasse—Amherst, class of '43; Jim Burton—Wesleyan, class of '48. Tackles—Jack Daley, Williams, '42 and Burt Vanderclute, Wesleyan, '47. Guards—Van Miller, Amherst, '28 and Dick Colman, Williams, '37. Center—Bill Lewis, Amherst, '92. In Backfield we have Bill Fowle—Williams, '32; Ben Boynton—Williams, '20; Larry Schlums—Wesleyan, '32 and John Hubbard of Amherst, class of '07. Total—Williams placed 5, Wesleyan and Amherst 3.

CITY SKATING TITLE TO AUGÉ

Lou Felix Takes Second Place Honor

Bernie Augé, who made quite a name for himself as a speed skater before the war, came from behind to overtake Lou Felix and win the city's speed Skating Championship at Noel Field. Seven skaters faced the starters gun for this event, and Lou Felix, watchman at the Brown Street Plant was away to a fast start and led the field until near the end of the race when Augé put on a burst of speed to win first place by a few yards. Third place went to Arthur Charron, while two ten-year old grandsons of Felix finished fourth and fifth place. They were Richard Simard in fourth place and Robert Dunn III in fifth.

Haskins School scored 200 points to easily win the city's grammar school Speed Skating Championship. St. Joseph, Freeman, Archer and Johnson, each scored 30 points to tie for runner-up honors. Third place to Brayton with a 20 point total. Officials for the meet were: Starter—Lou Felix. Judges—Pete Mancuso, Isaac Berger, John Mahoney, Charles Felix and Leo Patenaude. Patrol Judges—Mary Jane Ponti and Joyce Mancini. Register —Mary Mahoney. —Chas. Felix

Sample Dept. Names Team

In the last Log, we invited your selections for All-Stars of Inter-Plant Teams. Here is the selection of the Sample Lab, Brown Street:

Sample All Opponent Team

L.F. Kately—Lab., Co-Captain
R.F. Sprague—P.A.A.
C. Zabeck—P.A.A.
L.G. Wilson—Office, Co-Captain
R.G. Bergeron—P.A.A.
Alternates: Czerwinski—K.V.A. and Vigna—P.A.A.

Girls' Bowling League (March 1)

Team	Won	Lost
W. E. Rollers	31	29
Industrial Oils	31	29
Beaverettes	30	30
Independents	29	31
Four Top Bowlers—Team	Ave.	Strings
M. Wohler, Independent	90.4	15
N. Barschdorf, Ind. O.	89.9	60
Bressett, W. E. Rollers	89.7	36
C. Baliasos, Beaverettes	89.	42
High Individual Single—		
N. Barschdorf	126	
High Individual Triple—		
R. Adams	307	
High Team Single—Beaverettes	492	
High Team Individual—		
Beaverettes	1371	

Kenny Russell

Men's Bowling (March 4, 1948)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Lunch Room	53	10	.841
L. C. W. No. 2	47	16	.746
Machine Shop	34	29	.539
Can Shop Pressmen	32	31	.508
Centrifuge	30	33	.476
F. P. Drys	26	37	.412
Can Shop	16	47	.253
Machine Shop App.	14	49	.222

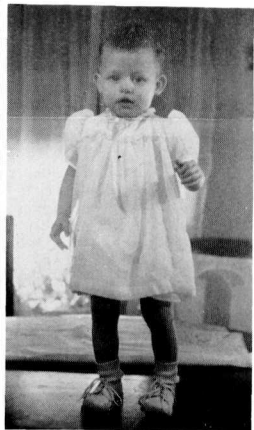
TEN TOP BOWLERS -- March 4

(Have bowled at least one-half of all strings rolled.)

Name	Team	Average	Rolled
J. Lipa, Lunch Room		103.5	60
L. Siciliano, Mach. S.		97.2	44
P. Sherman, C.S.P.		97.1	57
J. Talmie, L. R.		96.8	56
G. Forgea, L. R.		96.8	54
T. Woloski, I.C.W. No. 2		96.8	50
F. Santelli, I.C.W. No. 2		96.5	52
F. Fortini, Centrifuge		96.5	42
M. Pierce, L. R.		96.4	48
L. Morocco, Mach. S.		95.7	57
High Team Single, I.C.W. No. 2		555	
High Team Total, I.C.W. No. 2		1600	
High Individual Single, L. Segala		146	
High Individual Triple, J. Lipa		362	

TEAM PINFALL (As of Mar. 4, '48)

Team	Pinfall	Average
Lunch Room	30,503	1452.5
I.C.W. No. 2	29,758	1417.0
Machine Shop	29,171	1389..
Can Shop Pressmen	28,760	1369.5
Centrifuge	28,307	1347.9
F. P. Drys	27,948	1330.8
Machine Shop App.	27,284	1299.2
Can Shop	26,812	1276.7



Annie Marie LaBonte tries that serious business of learning to walk. She is the granddaughter of Serine, of Maintenance, and niece of Margaret Blay of F. P. Assembly.

Inter-Plant Standings, 2nd Half

March 1, 1948

	Won	Lost	Pct.
P.A.A.	4	1	.800
Sample	4	1	.800
K.V.A.	3	2	.600
Lab.	3	2	.600
Office	1	4	.200
Machine Shop	0	5	.000

Final League Statistics:

Leading Scorers	G	B	F	P
Kately, Lab.	10	45	17	107
Vigna, P.A.A.	10	39	19	97
Leveque, K.V.A.	9	37	16	90
Sprague, P.A.A.	10	36	15	87
Lies, Lab.	10	33	19	85
Zabek, P.A.A.	8	36	10	82
Sacco, Sample	10	35	10	80
Mulcahy, Office	10	33	9	75
Cobelli, Sample	9	31	12	74
Racette, Lab.	10	31	7	69
Bergeron, P.A.A.	10	30	6	66
McPherson, Office	9	24	7	55
Thompson, Office	10	20	12	52

Results, February 28th

Lab. 32; KVA, 30
Office 47; Mach. Shop, 37
PAA, 26; Sample, 20

BROWN STREET BRIEFS

Sample Department]

By the "Eyes and Ears of Dept."

First, may we extend a hearty welcome to our new co-workers, George Cobelli, "Dick" Morin, Helen Rougeau, Mary Paquette and our college student "Buddy" Pirrello. Hope you enjoy working with us.

Gee, aren't we lucky! The picture of the muscular, never-miss-a-basket man, appearing in the last *Log* works with us... (sigh)... Cobelli is his name, girls.

No, that isn't the "Lone Ranger"—it's only Bill Houghton in his new shirt. Sharp, eh?

Spring this year means more to us than birds singing or flowers blooming. For we won't have to envy Loretta Bezzie's leopard coat for another six months! Ah, beautiful spring!

So long to Walt Burr — and good luck on your new job.

See our choice for the Sample's All Opponent Team in the Sports Column.

Industrial Oil Stock

By Ann Heath

Speaking of Characters:

The dreamer—Theresa Hewitt

The giggler—"Ahus" J. Mancini

Noisemaker—Bob Rydholm

Sleepwalker—Bernie Stackpoole

The smile—Alice Green

The mother—Lyda Lewis

Little bonus worker—Eleanor DeSanty

The shadow—Ernie Risch

Come on Shirley Williamson and cut up once in a while.

A SCOOP—(Received too late!) All bets had it in the Department that Jack Shields was the "Walking Man."

We extend our sincere sympathy to Lou Vincetele on the death of his brother, Ozias.

I. O. Cover Assembly

By I. Withrow

Bill Pasotti, our weather prophet, has not guessed the weather correctly this year — but has high hopes!

Mrs. Frances Kelly has just finished knitting her first pair of socks — a job well done!

Lena Deso enjoyed a week end in Boston, and took in the Ice Follies.

Kenny Russell took in the Williams-Dartmouth hockey game. The weather was freezing, but he enjoyed every moment of it... we would too, Kenny, if we wore all those clothes!

Molded Tubulars--2nd Shift

By Gladys Kirkpatrick

A sincere welcome to the new girls in the room — hope you enjoy working with us.

Alma Fox has that "new look", with a permanent and new hair style... very nice, Alma.

Bertha Shepard makes delicious bread-and-butter pickles. We enjoyed those she brought in.

Birthday Greetings to Aleatheabell Dow whose birthday occurred February 26. She received a cake which all of us enjoyed.

Our young member, Dorothy Gigliotti helps make the evenings pass with her gay, young chatter... Oh, to be sixteen again!

Honoring Eleanor Hall

Eleanor Daniels Osterhoudt who became Mrs. Elwood Hall on February 27, was the guest of honor at a surprise party, and was the recipient of many lovely gifts. A wedding cake was made and decorated by our own Marie Mancini who is noted for the beautiful bridal ornaments she makes. Eleanor was also given a personal shower by the girls on Final Soldering. Light refreshments were served, and enjoyed, by the girls.

PAA. Assembly

By R. Samia and M. Bua

If you wish swimming instructions, stroll down to the "Y" and have Dot Hartman teach you. She's good!

The PAA. Line would be lost without Jeanette Cady and Marion Andrews!

Hearty wishes to our "Bride of the Month", Lorraine (Blondie) Baker.

Welcome to Johnny O'Connell — and farewell to Jimmy Mancuso, our former foreman. Our loss is their gain!

Sincere sympathy to Jane Paradise on the loss of her mother-in-law.

Deep sympathy to Claude Vincetele on the recent death of his brother, Ozias.

We hereby nominate "Marg" Isherwood, our "Orange Queen."

Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of a vacant 5 room apartment or cottage, please notify Bea Gibeau. It will be appreciated.

Prokar Dept.

By Carol Bellard

Sorry to see our foreman, John Smith, returned to K.V.A. Best of luck, Johnny. We wish to extend a welcome to our new foreman, Vincent Mancuso and hope you enjoy working with us.

The Soldering Line is complete — now that Joan Haley is back! "It's rather tough, settling down to soldering," says Doris Tyler, after being "Queen for a night." Yes, our Doris was chosen as Queen at the Ski Carnival.

Marion Duprea can well be proud since she can ski down Dutch Hill, without knocking any trees down. Keep it up, Marion, and you'll win a prize some day!

We're sorry for Marion Dagnault's driver, Eva, since Marion got her driver's license. Whenever stuck in the snow, Marion drives away before Eva can get into the car!

Oliver Ledger never has a moment's peace, since he returned to our line. We hear Victoria Phaneuf resolved never to sign anything but her paycheck from now on!

Wish we could all win \$150 like Inez LaPier did. Pretty nice, Inez.

Tips for the Ladies

Eat less... waist less. Post-war let down... women's skirts. A-hem.

Molded Tubulars--Day Shift

By Josephine Campedelli

Welcome to our new foreman, John O'Connell. We hope you like our Department. We also welcome Norman McWilliams. We hope the solderers don't work you too hard!

Did you notice that cute giggle of Gladys Rohane?

Our Winnie Knowles looks real snazzy with her new hair-do.

Our quietest girl—Dorothy Gay.

What would happen if: Mary Dean could open her mouth and not put her foot in... if Jeanette Lanoue worked a full week... if Beatrice Boucher didn't have a daily hamburger... if Betty Romeo could count by herself... and if Jack O'Leary lost his Irish temper!

Maintenance -- Brown

By Little Lulu

Charlie Dean recently received a package from friends... Did we say friends, Charlie?

Looks like Tony Woloski is "going steady" these days, as a certain someone is always seen with him... Being seen is not Tony's fault, tho' as he has tried every possible short cut, not to be seen — but it doesn't work!

The wrecking crew hope to attend a wedding (weddings) soon—Three of the gang have serious prospects—but no one is biting first... What do you say, boys, lets go!

Al Cardinal has decided to turn his work shop into a garage. Reason: A Buick he bought from Rossi.

John Sargent, better known as Glamour Boy, scores at least 10 baskets in every basketball game he plays. That's what we call technique.

Joe Filiault was offered a ride by Bert Davis—and almost collapsed from surprise. However, he jumped in before Bert changed his mind. No, boys, he wasn't wearing his best suit of clothes, either.

Wire Coating

By Corena Tatro

We see that Henry Puppolo is limping again... and Louis Arnold, too. How come, boys... Aren't you G.I.'s as tough as you thought?

We are all watching results on the bet between Larry Haskins and Paul Sanford. Larry prophesies there'll be 22 inches MORE SNOW — and Paul says NO!... May the best man win!

What's this about Ed Morrissey in the Transcript? Something about stopping a team of runaway horses... How about it, Ed?... We will hand it to him, though. He hasn't smoked a cigarette since Ash Wednesday — and wont, until Lent is over.

Prokar Testing

By Betty Jangrow

Edith Roy is a good sport — she never misses a basketball game. She certainly deserves a year-round ticket to all the sports activities!

We've been patiently waiting for the carrots that Mary Mahoney promised us. When we do get them, will our eyes sparkle!

A Happy Birthday to Helen Noetzel whose birthday was March 4th.

Resistors--Night Shift

By Vickie LaMore

Greetings to all our new girls, also to Hazel Canadine who returned from a week's vacation.

The cementers are glad to have Lucy Abusi back on the night shift. We, too, like to hear her sing, especially "How Soon."

The girls gave Carmen King a farewell gift, to show her in what high esteem she was held. She intends to practise housekeeping for a while.

Frances Blanchard received a beautiful diamond engagement ring and has set her wedding date on her birthday in May. We have given her many beauty hints, among them is recommended Fitches Shampoo Bath for acquiring a "marriageable" complexion. (Let us know how you like it.)

Dorothy Beaudette's young son returned home from a Boston Hospital where he has been for five years as the result of an automobile accident. We hope he gets well soon!

Theresa Wisher, we hope you have a speedy recovery!

BUSY BEAVER NEWS

F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massaconi

A party was held February 27 to honor Francis Messina who is transferred to another Department. A grand time was had by all. Francis obliged with a song in the Jerry Colonna style, and Catherine Coady did a Scottish jig. Francis was presented a purse... We certainly hate to see anyone as nice as you, leave us, Francis... but good luck and we'll be rooting for you!

Welcome back to the Department, Evelyn Jones.

Glad to see Edith Fields back after an illness.

Letter from our Co-Worker, Pvt. Delbert Darling, Now at San Antonio Air Base

Hi Gang:

I'm in the best of health, and hope you are.

What do I think of the Air Force? Well, here's a sample: I get up at 5:30 (still tired), mop up my area, sweep, make my bunk — or I have to do it over. But that's not all. There's a lot of work for any guy who signs up. You fall out for reveille at 5:30, then fall back in, mop the barracks, shine the latrines, polish door knobs — and make them sparkle — or do it over at night when it's your time off!

I'm making out all right so far. Today, the whole flight had K.P. and we're all dead tired... It's harder than *crimping* was! We eat one meal regular, then at 6:30, 11:30 and 4:30, and not bad at all. Had turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes today. It was swell. I don't think I'll starve... We have a Day Room we fix up, like home... but nothing will take the place of home—and a girl in your arms. I haven't seen a nice looking girl down here—they are a little too dark, but some aren't too bad. We have 50,000 group down here, all types... That means you, Blasi. Ha ha!

Gang, I'll close now, 'til I hear from you.

Your old Crimping pal,
Pvt. Del.

TRIO FROM TRINIDAD



Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Wally Brown with the new member of their family Carla Ann, now three months old. Wally and his wife Linda were former Sprague workers, and their daughter was born in Trinidad where Captain Brown is stationed. Eva Brown, mother of Wally, works in PAA. Department.



Joseph Gentile, son of Bernice, of Molded Tubulars; Vincent King, Jr., grandson of Dolores Bailey of Misc. Paper Finish and son of former reporter, Barbara King; and Judith Ann Poplaski, daughter of Esther of Resistors.

Resistors - Midget Tubulars

By Della Keating

Maud Jones spent the week end in Boston, Mass.

Mary Kinsey and Emma Montagna attended the basketball tournament at Haydenville in which the Sprague girls were entered... It's the opinion of all that the girls lost through no fault of their own!

We welcome back Dot Wilbur after a recent illness.

Ruth Lackey spent a vacation in Southington, Conn.

PAA. Wrapping and Solder

By "Iodine"

Welcome to Mary Anne Trottier and Rae Trimarchi... the stove older's loss, the wrapper's gain.

If interested in opera, consult Mary Anne Trottier and Peggy Daub.

Question: Who is our South American singer? — Evelyn Sherman, of course. Incidentally, she and her husband enjoyed a week end trip to Florence.

Marie DeMarsico is trying to learn French... wonder why?

Misc. Paper Finish

By Gertrude Hall

A cordial welcome to Jeanette Rondeau, who was away for a short time, when she presented her husband with a bouncing baby boy.

Speedy recovery to Clara Marceau's husband who recently underwent an operation.

I'd like to know where Adele Solari goes every Tuesday night.

The girls in the back room keep a penny box, in which they drop a penny every time they say a naughty word... seems there was an awful lot of clinking for the first few days!

Poor Ann Downey! That new car must be jinxed.

Edna Cwierniewicz bought another canary, and one afternoon during the blizzard, we heard his cheery song... It gave all of us spring fever!

Lucille Beaudry has been receiving best wishes and congratulations all day — and she didn't know what for! Through a mistake, we all thought she was going to "middle aisle" it, last Friday!

A very happy birthday to Betty Fleury, February 24th.

That person wearing man's pants out shoveling snow last Sunday did have that "new look." You had it all the while, Agnes Perry, and we didn't even recognize you!

Ann Malloy brought in her son's graduation picture. He's a handsome lad — but what would you expect with such a pretty mother!

Josie Mastalish must have a wishing well all her own... She found an apartment, she's building her own home — and now she is getting a new car!

Matilda Carter thought it was quite a flood on Houghton Street when the brook overflowed, and for a while, thought she'd have to come to work in a rowboat.

Happy Birthday to Frances Gayda, March 9... Just sixteen, she tells us — but I bet she's been kissed.

Paper Ignition Assembly

By Esther Driscoll

We wish "Julie" Pedrin a speedy recovery from a near amputation of his finger, which he almost sawed off in his home workshop.

Jessie Dziegiel is on sick leave... we wish you a speedy recovery.

Seems like old times to have all the gang back at work again!

Formation

By J. Shea and B. Bogus

Treasurer E. Griffin of the Formation Flower Fund received a very nice letter from Mr. Clark, the treasurer for the Nicholas Sacco Building Fund Committee, thanking us for our contribution.

George Senecal is having trouble holding on to his ash trays — even when he puts signs on them.

Lenten resolutions of the Department were not long-lived. Betty Bogus gave up smoking—at least for four days... Bill Davis gave up smoking cigarettes — for a pipe. He gave that up at the end of a week, said the pipe was killing him.

"Babe" Gilbert has been transferred to Marshall Street, so now we can't blame him for all the snow we have been buried under. "Babe" enjoys this kind of weather since he is a ski fan.

Louis Haley and another fellow had a sure fire system to beat the horses. Something went wrong—Haley is working harder than ever — and the other fellow came to work in the Department — Welcome, Foster Jones!

Someone recommended that Betty read a book, "How to Get Along with the Boys." Now she is looking for the sequel: "How to Get Away from the Boys!"

Misc. Paper Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Ethel Fossor and Ida Gaun are the lucky girls in our Department. When Ethel's name came up as a winner, she remarked "I've never been lucky at winning anything, and guess if I ever did, I would do an Indian dance!" Ethel is a good sport and promptly "gave" with an Indian war dance.

"Stacia" Wisniewski recently enjoyed a week end trip.

Last time, when we mentioned that we had several "Idas" working in the Department, we neglected to add still another Ida — Ida Fowler... Sorry, Ida!

You'll know that it is the Misc. Paper Assembly when you hear "Pat" Mazza and "Millie" Letalian arguing... and Edith Dean helping it along.

Josephine Sikorski and Laura Cross love parties and use birthdays — anybody's — as an excuse to celebrate... George Washington's was the latest.

Deep sympathy is extended to Ida and Robert Watts in the untimely death of Robert's brother, Clarence. Ida is our co-worker, and Robert is employed in Maintenance, Marshall Street.

A. C. Assembly

By Mary Williams--Pinch Hitting

"Miss Television"—otherwise known as Alice Pisano is sporting a new hairdo. It's very becoming, Alice.

We're sorry to have "Minna" Scieszka, our glamorous redhead, leave — especially Jennie Chalifoux who is lonesome without her.

Wonder who willed those baggy pants to "Our Hero", Lou Siciliano.

Best wishes to our bride, Lucille Hall Lachance. Best of luck to you and our wishes that you'll be very happy.

Our girls paid a visit to Vi Short's little son who met with an accident. We are glad to report that he is better, and we think he is a darling!

Welcome, "Babe" Lussier... hope you enjoy working with us.

Judging from the picture of Doris LaBonte's little son, Harvey, he's cute

and looks manly with his crew hair cut.

"Red" Johnson had the room in a dither, when we tried to figure out the puzzle he brought in. All of us were trying to draw straight lines and were in an uproar... If you are good at puzzles, have "Red" show you his and see if you can do it out!

If you girls want to look like the swimming queen, Esther Williams, take a tip from Mary Cantoni, Jennie Chalifoux and Milly Biondello—they eat "thinsies."

For such a small person, Johnny Fortini can stow food away. He brings his own lunch—goes home to dinner—down to the Cafeteria—and also eats lots of Lil Colo's and Helen Pietras' lunches... Perhaps he needs that much to get energy for playing cards, for when "Lil", Billy Mahoney, Elaine Fortin and Johnny play, they put their hearts and souls into it.

OUR SAFETY CORNER



A Day Dream that Does Not Pay
"No doubt about it, she's the gal I want to marry."... (Editorial note -- Careful son, you'll need those fingers.)

Marshall Music

Maintenance -- Marshall

By Umbriago

Frank Daniels of the Electric gang, returned to work after a two weeks' vacation in Athol, where he helped his brother with a new home. Hope it's a long, hot summer, Frank.

Jimmy Dami of the Paint Shop has a new theme song: Give me FIVE MINUTES More!

The Electric gang think it would be a good idea if Brownie, Joe Schneider and Andy Girgenti would get together and make one car from their three. We suggest taking the body from Andy's, the tires from Brownie's, and the motor from Joe's. The composite should make it at least one good car!

We wish Wally Daniels a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

Since Buster Sherman's son got a driving license, when out riding, Buster now takes a back seat and does the driving from there.

Our Great Lover and Pigeon Catcher, Arthur Santelli, had a birthday. His girl not only made a nice cake for him, but had his birthday announced over WMNB and had the song hit, "Near You" played.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan McLain are the proud parents of a baby girl. Allan is employed in the Millwright gang.

Welcome back, Ray Lussier... Also, a welcome to Henry Anderson, who was formerly at the Beaver Plant and is now in charge of the Stock Crib. And Clayt Hines, who formerly presided over the Stock Crib is now in charge of the new Tool Crib.

Shipping

By Gold Dust Twins

Welcome to work, Ruth Blue. She was formerly employed in Personnel Office.

Phyllis Chartrand and Cecile Trudeau celebrated their birthdays March 2nd and 3rd. Their co-workers presented them both with gifts and an extra large birthday cake, beautifully decorated for the occasion.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marchio are the parents of a daughter born February 22. The mother is Alice of PAA. Rolling.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bourdon announce the arrival of a son on March 1st. The mother is Jeannette of the Engineering Office.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bronislaus Socha, March 2. Bronislaus is employed in the I. O. Impregnating Department.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Benedetti are the parents of a son born March 3. Mrs. Benedetti is the former Lois Paradise of Sales Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Windover announce the arrival of a son born February 29.

MACHINE SHOP GRADUATION



Machine Shop gang at graduation.

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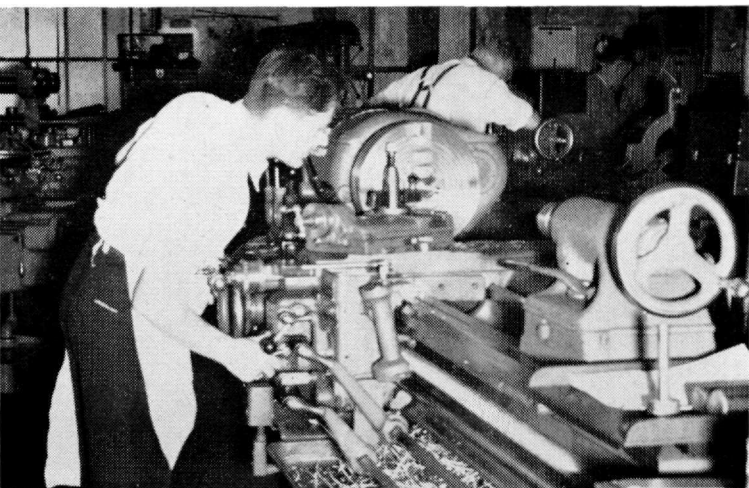
tool box. Co-workers of the boys presented them with additional tools. "Tuffy" Rondeau gave a short speech saying "The boys certainly have done well and should make good machinists." He made the diploma presentation.

All of the guests paid tribute to the two graduates and wished them success

as full fledged machinists.

Nick Richardello and Jimmy Cooper were in charge of the party arrangements.

Another group of the Machine Shop boys will graduate on April first. They are John Gifford, Al Daldoss, Eddie Dion, Earl Williams, Ray Bass, Russ Lanoue, Ray Bissaillon and Roy Magnoli.



Jimmy Cooper "cooks up" something on a new turning lathe.

Dry Tubular Assembly

By Sophie Wilk and C. Urbano

Farewell Party Tendered O'Connell

John O'Connell who leaves the Beaver Plant to assume his duties at the Brown Street Plant was honored at a farewell dinner at the Cheshire Inn by his former Department. John was presented a portable radio and Mrs. O'Connell received a corsage of white carnations. "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was played and sung for Johnny.

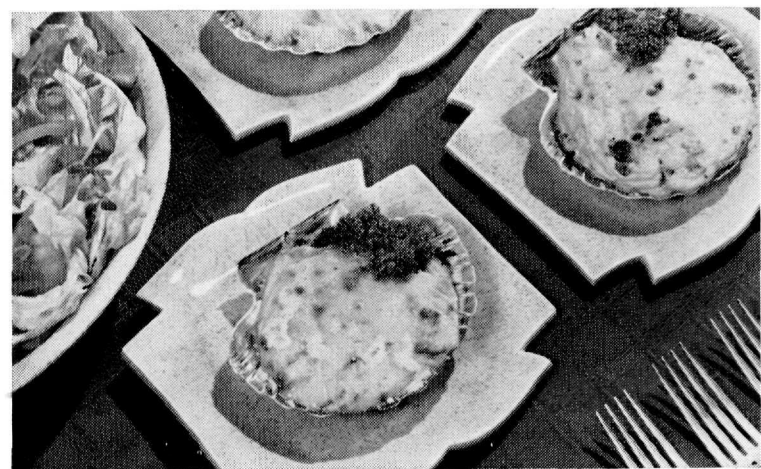
Noticed here and there: Harold Dufraigne eating all the left over turkey... how many helpings did you have, Harold... Leo Robinson taking flash light pictures... Irene Charron keeping the party gay with her witty remarks... Felicia Skowronski and Norma Davignon after claiming that they were starved, couldn't manage to finish their dinner... Lila Abraham receiving a mysterious phone call... Richard Kelley persuading two "night

hawks" to accompany him to Donlon's... Mrs. O'Connell being very sweet and sociable... Maggie Davis carefully watching her waistline... Florence Lecuyer blushing at the remark of her charming friend... Sophie Wilk getting lost... Lil Boyer doing a graceful dance with her partner... Ivis Lewis making a grand entrance in a smart fur coat... Stafford Lewis trying to keep track of all the men... Johnny O'Connell much relieved that he didn't need to make a speech and Charlie Sutliff agreeing a speech wasn't necessary... and Catherine Krol looking so-o-o nice in a lovely black dress.

Florence McCauley has obtained a leave of absence... We wish you a speedy recovery, Flossie.

Welcome to our line, Robert Donnelly. Hope you like us.

TASTY LENTEN RECIPE



Tastes as good as it looks -- creamed fish in ramekins.

- 2 tbs. fat
- 2 tbs. flour
- 1 cup milk
- salt, paprika
- 1 cup cooked flaked fish or shellfish cut in small pieces
- 4 tbs. buttered bread crumbs
- ½ cup grated cheese (if desired)

Make a white sauce by melting fat, blending flour, and slowly stirring in milk. Cook until the sauce boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Add the fish and seasoning. Pour in scallop shells, ramekins, or casserole. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and grated cheese, and brown under broiler... delicious and attractive!